(b) and (c) The proposal for corporatisation of Security Printing Presses/ Currency Presses/Paper Mill/Mints was approved by the Union Cabinet on 2nd September, 2005. The decision to corporatise the Security Units is based on the need for better efficiency and faster decision making. The decision is to have a wholly owned Corporation without diluting any holding of the Government. The necessary steps are being taken to implement the decision of the Union Cabinet.

World Bank Assistance to Orissa

627. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank propose to sanction Rs. 1000 crores to the State Government of Orissa during the current fiscal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of developmental works that would be funded out of this assistance in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Manipulations in LIC Premiums

†628. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several incidents of manipulation in the premium of the people by the officials of LIC have been reported to Government recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the people involved in the said scam; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the details of the action taken by Government to check the recurrence of such scam in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) LIC has reported that there is only one incident in Delhi where it was reported that premia of Salary Saving Scheme policies of the employees of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) were not properly adjusted by the Branch office. In August, 2003, complaints were received from the employees regarding pemium not having been adjusted against their policies. On receiving the complaints, an enquiry was instituted by LIC. Enquiry revealed that monthly premium remittances received from MCD were being partly diverted towards adjustment of fresh proposals and towards renewal premium of other policy-holders. Owing to this diversion of renewal premium, various policies of MCD employees were having multiple gaps in their premium payment. Disciplinary proceedings against five agents involved, namely, S/Shri R.K. Mahajan, B.M. Sharma, M.S. Kushwaha, P.K. Singh and Smt. N. Sunderiyal have been completed and their agencies have been terminated. Disciplinary proceedings against eighteen staff members have also been initialed. They are pending for the first stage advice of the Central Vigilance Commission.

(d) In order to check such frauds, LIC has put in place a very robust mechanism, viz., extensive use of computers and double back up of records.

Delay in Ex-Gratia Payments

629. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total amount announced for ex-gratia payment by different Ministries of the Central Government in the last three years, year-wise, Ministry-wise and accident-wise;

(b) what is the mechanism of identifying and delivering such amount to the effected persons or families;

(c) whether all such cases in the last three years have received the payment;